

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

by Al Stone

Another Quarterly Board Meeting behind us as well as the FALI Picnic and now that summer is here time is really moving fast. Speaking of fast, I receive monthly newsletters from PI associations around the country and like The FALI Forum, they list new members. Judging from their lists, FALI is probably the fastest growing association in the country, having gained almost 100 new dues paying members this year and very few existing ones who have not renewed. FALI is apparently on the right track as evidenced by the number who want to get on board. The newsletter from Illinois speaks of having a Professional Government Consultant. It's the only way to truly protect our livelihood and I commend them for having taken that step.

While on the Board subject, there are 8 members of the FALI Board up for reelection this fall. Steve Gustafson has been appointed to serve as Chairperson of the Election Committee and will be writing articles in The FALI Forum relevant to these elections, so watch for them. If you're interested in running for one of these seats give him a call at (813)921-0791. Just remember, if elected you'll be called upon to be active in the associations affairs, none of our Board members get to just sit around, so don't put yourself up for election if you are not willing to work. And don't forget

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**TALLAHASSEE REPORT**

by E.W. Stewart

Special Session was a major disaster for Governor Chiles and his plans for Health Care Reform. While the Governor has threatened to make Legislators return to Tallahassee in Sept. for yet another Special Session, he states at the same time that he will not call for another Special Session before he has the votes lined up to pass his Health Care Bill. With the resolve I saw lastweek on the part of Republicans in the Senate, I do not see how any health care changes will be passed before the November elections.

During the last two FALI Board of Directors Meetings, the question of continuing education as a requirement for maintaining your 493 license has been discussed. The major focus of the discussion has been the fact that required continuing education will become a requirement of the future and that it would be better for FALI to take a leadership role to help mold the policy surrounding any continuing education requirements, rather than to let the legislature do it for us I know that there will be some objection by those who do not want to take 8 or 10 hours per year to increase their professional knowledge and status, but there always is.

Required continuing education has nothing but positive results on our industry. With us going to the Legislature and asking for required continuing education we are showing our commitment to improving professionalism in our industry and our

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